

ED. BOLDEN'S PHILADELPHIA STARS * MEMBERS NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

Publicity Notes and Player Roster

Ed. Bolden's Phila. Stars have one of their strongest clubs in history for the 1946 Negro National League pennant chase, and from all pre-season indications, they will be in the thick of the drive for the pennant now defended by the Homestead Grays.

The Stars feature Negro baseball's most sensational infielder, Frank (Junior) Austin, shortstop from Panama, who is starting his third season with the Boldenites. He won the batting championship his first year in Negro National League competition with an average of .390, and finished last season with another enviable mark, .354. His fielding ability is both dependable and thrilling to watch. He played in Venezuela and Panama during the winter, and both clubs with whom he performed won championships.

Gene Benson, fleet-footed centerfielder, is the key man of the outfield trio. Benson finished last season as the fifth leading batsman of the circuit with an average of .370.

James (Bus) Clarkson returns to the Stars after three years in the Army. He ranks with the leading infielders in baseball. Powerfully built, Clarkson is a home-run smashing hitter, and handles third base duties.

Holdovers from last season who are expected to play important roles for the Stars during the current campaign include: Mahlon Duckett, second sacker; Bill Cash, catcher, and Homer Curry, Manager & rightfielder.

The Boldenites mound staff comprises Henry McHenry, veteran ace; Barney Brown, slick southpaw; Bill Ricks, speedballer and strikeout marvel; Joe Fillmore, 6-4 giant and ex-serviceman, and the following up-and-coming youngsters, Wilmer Harris, Larry Kimbrough and Henry Miller.

PROBABLE BATTING ORDER, ROSTER OF PLAYERS AND NUMBERS

2	Frank Austin	S.S.
3	Mahlon Duckett	2 B.
9	Gene Benson	C.F.
18	James (Bus) Clarkson	3 B.
4	Homer Curry	R.F. & Manager
6	Wesley Dennis	1 B.
10	Joe Craig	L.F.
8	Bill Cash	C.
1	Barney Brown	P.
14	Henry McHenry	P.
19	Joe Fillmore	P.
15	Bill Ricks	P.
16	Henry Miller	P.
5	Wilmer Harris	P.
11	Larry Kimbrough	P.
12	Ed Jefferson	P.
20	Pete Jones	C.
7	Harry Simpson	Utility
21	Murray Watkins	Utility